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(57) Abstract: Disclosed are improved pharmaceutical formulations comprising dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA), enriched in se-
lected polymorphic forms, for therapeutic applications. In one embodiment, the formulation comprises, in solid form, DHEA, at
least 85% of which is present as a single polymorph selected from the form I polymorph or the form II polymorph, and at least one
pharmaceutical excipient. Methods for making and using such compositions are also disclosed.

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